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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lois Ryan, DPS

DATE: May 9, 2006

FROM: Dr. Robert Day, DHPF

RE: Request to post – Executive Director
Kansas Health Policy Authority

Please post until EOB Friday, May 12, 2006.

Duties:

Provide leadership to a staff of 190 employees. This position requires that the person filling it be able to articulate to staff a vision for the agency's role in the development of health policy and innovation regarding health purchasing.

Provide leadership in health policy at the state level. The Director must be able to articulate a vision for state health policy to leaders in business, government and healthcare providers.

Oversee the management of the operations of a \$1.6 billion agency. The director must provide support and guidance to the deputy director in the overall management of the program, including personnel and financial management.

Manage the legislative process. The Director must be able to manage the legislative process including providing testimony on policy initiatives and budgetary issues. The person filling this position must be able to balance competing political agendas in order to advance public policy.

Work collaboratively with the Governor, the Legislative Oversight Committee, and cabinet level secretaries. Successful management of health policy will require the Director to work in an open and collaborative manner with agencies which oversee both health expenditures as well as Medicaid expenditures in programs delegated to other agencies.

Work with the Health Policy Authority Board. The Director serving as the CEO of the HPA will need to provide regular updates to Board members and to report to and take direction from the Health Policy Board.

Knowledge & Experience:

- The Director position requires an academic and experiential background in the development of health policy including both healthcare and population based health policy.
- An advanced degree or PhD would be expected of this individual.
- The Director should have a strong background in the area of publicly financed healthcare, e.g. the role of Medicaid.
- The Director should be able to demonstrate experience in working with stakeholder groups including providers and legislators.
- The Director should be able to demonstrate an ability to clearly articulate to the general public and key stakeholders, health policy issues and goals.